

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 14 and 15 are rejected. Claims 3-6 and 10-13 are objected to. Claim 16 is assumed to be allowable as it has not been rejected. New claims 17 and 18 have been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bonse et al. (5,975,062). This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

In framing the rejection, the Examiner alleges that Bonse discloses the claimed “pump,” which corresponds to fuel/air pump 31 as disclosed at least in [0074] of the present application. However, the pump described in Bonse is an electric air pump (8), whereas the pump now identified in claims 1, 14, 15 and 16, as presently amended, is a “fuel and air switchable pump.” Therefore, it is believed that claims 1, 2, 7-9, 14 and 15 are allowable over Bonse.

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and supporting arguments, all of the claims now should be allowable.

New claims 17 and 18 are presented to define additional features of the present invention.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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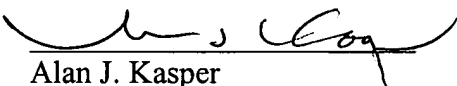
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